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Changes to Westbound Interstate 80 Beginning July 25 in North Sacramento

New Express Lanes Configuration for 80 Across the Top project

SACRAMENTO – With construction nearing completion on eastbound Interstate 80 in North Sacramento, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has launched a plan aimed at expediting westbound work for the 80 Across the Top project.

Starting Saturday, July 25, westbound traffic from Longview Drive to Northgate Boulevard will be reconfigured to carry two express lanes (using the eastbound HOV lane and shoulder) and one local access lane. The change in traffic lanes will run from Longview Drive to Northgate Boulevard.

At the same time, the current eastbound express lane between West El Camino and Northgate will remain to allow crews to continue construction activity on that stretch of freeway.

“Establishing express lanes in both directions will allow the contractor to finish eastbound work from the Sacramento River to Northgate and start westbound construction between Winters and Northgate at the same time,” said Caltrans District 3 Director Amarjeet S. Benipal.

Benipal said the westbound change should be easier for drivers because there is only one westbound entrance into the express lanes.

Caltrans recommends motorists only use the far right, local access lane if they plan to exit the highway by or before Northgate. Motorists planning to continue to Truxel Road, Sacramento International Airport, Interstate 5 or the Bay Area are advised to use the far left, express lanes and then merge accordingly.

The existing eastbound express lane configuration from West El Camino to Northgate will be removed in the fall after the eastbound work is finished.

When completed the \$133.3 million 80 Across the Top project will add about 10 miles of new bus/carpool lanes in both directions, repave the highway from West El Camino Avenue to Watt Avenue, and construct about one mile of new auxiliary lanes from West El Camino Avenue to the Interstates 80/5 interchange.

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Ramp and Lane Closures overnight July 25-26

To complete the westbound express lane configuration, the following overnight closures are scheduled from Saturday, July 25 at 11 p.m. to noon on Sunday, July 26:

Ramp/Lane Closures

- WB Lanes (No. 1-3) and shoulder (alternating) from I-5 to Watt
- EB Lanes (No. 1 and 2) from I-5 to Longview
- WB Northgate Off-ramp
- WB Northgate On-ramp
- WB Norwood Off-ramp
- WB Norwood On-ramp
- WB Raley Off-ramp
- WB Raley On-ramp
- WB Winters Off-ramp
- WB Winters On -ramp

Caltrans is working to notify motorists about the upcoming lane configuration changes using public service announcements, electronic message boards, and outreach to local affected businesses.

The work zone speed limit continues to be 55 mph from the Sacramento River to Watt Avenue. The California Highway Patrol will be onsite for enforcement. Motorists are reminded to "Be Work Zone Alert."

Weather or other unexpected events may prolong the work or cause construction activities to be rescheduled. Caltrans will continue to update the public on changing conditions through social media.

For additional project information, including detours, go to www.80AcrossTheTop.com.

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